

Application No.: 10/070,814

Reply to the Office Action dated: September 11, 2003:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the abstract at page 51 in its entirety and insert therefore:

**ABSTRACT**

In the method of producing a malt alcohol beverage, an adsorbent is used to remove through adsorption at least a part of rough flavor components from malt, a malt alcohol beverage intermediate product, or the malt alcohol beverage. As a result, the aging of flavor after production can be suppressed and the flavor immediately after production can be maintained over a prolonged period of time.